

REMARKS

Claims 2, 4-9, 11, and 14-18 are now pending in the application. Minor amendments have been made to the specification to overcome the objections. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

SPECIFICATION

The specification stands objected to for certain informalities. Applicant has amended the specification according to the Examiner's suggestions. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that claims 5 and 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicant(s) have amended claims 5 and 14 to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, claims 5 and 14 should now be in condition for allowance. In addition, rejected claims 2, 4, 6-9, 11, and 16-18 have been amended such that they now depend, either directly or indirectly, from amended independent claims 5 and 14, and the applicant therefore believes that Claims 2, 4, 6-9, 11, and 15-18 are also now in a condition for allowance.

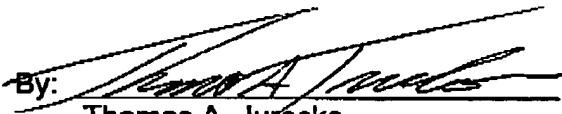
CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests

that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 944-6525.

Respectfully submitted,

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